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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE BASE NEGOTIATIONS: BONIFACIO PROPERTY

REF: MANILA 9870

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1. AGREE THAT EMBASSY SHOULD REQUEST GOP TO SEND NOTE

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PROPOSED REFTTEL RE BONIFACIO PROPERTY. (WE WOULD SEE NO

NEED FOR USG NOTE UNLESS YOU CONSIDER THIS NECESSARY TO INDUCE GOP ACTION.) WOULD SUGGEST CERTAIN MINOR WORDING CHANGES AS FOLLOWS TO CORRESPOND MORE CLOSELY TO 1956 EXCHANGE OF NOTES: QUOTE: EXCELLENCY: I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO A PREVIOUS EXCHANGE OF NOTES (U.S. EMBASSY NOTE NO. 0634, DATED 5 DECEMBER 1956 AND DFA NOTE 3385, DATED 6 DECEMBER 1956) UNDER WHICH THE UNITED STATES RELINQUISHED TO THE PHILIPPINES ALL CLAIMS TO TITLES TO THE MILITARY BASES LOCATED IN THE PHILIPPINES. THIS AGREEMENT ALSO PROVIDED THAT THE UNITED STATES RETAINED A PARCEL OF LAND OF APPROXIMATELY 25 ACRES LOCATED AT FORT MCKINLEY (NOW FORT BONIFACIO) TO BE USED AS PART OF THE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR ESTABLISHMENTS. THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AGREED TO GRANT SAID PARCEL TO THE UNITED STATES BY APPROPRIATE DEED FEE SIMPLE TITLE, TOGETHER WITH ACCESS RIGHTS AND UTILITY EASEMENTS. HOWEVER, THE AGREEMENT WAS NEVER FULLY IMPLEMENTED BY THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF THE FAILURE OF THE DEFUNCT CONGRESS TO APPROVE THE CONVEYANCE OF THE LAND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PERTINENT PROVISIONS OF THE REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.

2. QUOTE I NOW HAVE THE PLEASURE TO INFORM YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES HAS TAKEN THE NECESSARY ACTION TO PERFECT ITS CONVEYANCE OF FEE SIMPLE TITLE TO THE LAND IN QUESTION TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, TOGETHER WITH ACCESS RIGHTS AND UTILITY EASEMENTS. ENCLOSED IS A COPY OF THE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE ON THIS MATTER.

3. QUOTE ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCE OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END QUOTE.

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